







# HOW TO USE THE PLAN

**Goal:** A goal is a desired outcome expressed in simple terms. The goals of this plan were developed to address the priorities and concerns of the neighborhood residents. The plan has six goals each of which guides the strategies necessary to achieve the goal. The goals of the Idora Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan are as follows:

- **1. ENSURE THAT THE IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD IS A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE.**
- **2. INCREASE NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE.**
- **3. CREATE A NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR ON GLENWOOD AVENUE.**
- **4. PRESERVE EXISTING HOUSING THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD.**
- **5. RECLAIM, RECREATE AND REHABILITATE VACANT LAND AND STRUCTURES TO CREATE PRODUCTIVE AND USABLE SPACES.**
- **6. CLEAN AND GREEN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH THE HELP OF THE CITY, LOCAL ORGANIZATION'S AND IDORA'S OWN RESIDENTS.**

## GOAL A: ENSURE THAT THE IDORA NEIGHBORHOOD IS A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE.

- Strategy: A.1Establish a neighborhood block watch program.
- Strategy: A.2Enhance community policing in the neighborhood.
- Strategy: A.3Eliminate drug activity in the neighborhood.
- Strategy: A.4Educate residents on simple crime deterring actions.
- Strategy: A.5Provide neighborhood youth with safe activities.
- Strategy: A.6Encourage strict enforcement of city ordinances.
- Strategy: A.7Reduce criminal activity at convenience stores.
- Strategy: A.8Develop a graffiti removal program.
- Strategy: A.9Focus on demolition to reduce crime.
- Strategy: A.10Improve street lighting.

Community policing allows officers to build relationships with neighborhood residents



## GOAL B: INCREASE NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE.

- Strategy: B.1Establish the Idora Neighborhood Association.
- Strategy: B.2Create a Neighborhood Talent Directory.
- Strategy: B.3Encourage the scheduling of regular block parties throughout the year.
- Strategy: B.4Develop an Idora Neighborhood Webpage on the Youngstown 2010 website.
- Strategy: B.5Develop a collection of neighborhood history.
- Strategy: B.6Create a Neighborhood Cookbook.
- Strategy: B.7Brand the Idora Neighborhood.
- Strategy: B.8Develop signage to distinguish the neighborhood as somewhere unique and special.
- Strategy: B.9Create murals along the Glenwood Avenue Corridor.
- Strategy: B.10Explore the historic designation of portions of the neighborhood.
- Strategy: B.11Further Neighborhood Pride through housing rehabilitation and maintenance programs.
- Strategy: B.12Create and distribute a city resource packet.

- Strategy: B.13Publicize names of absentee property owners that do not maintain their properties.
- Strategy: B.14Develop a neighborhood social support system.
- Strategy: B.15Establish an “Adopt-a-Block” Program.
- Strategy: B.16Develop a strong relationship with the neighborhood’s councilmember.
- Strategy: B.17Create a Neighborhood Center on Glenwood Avenue.
- Strategy: B.18Establish strong relationships with local media.

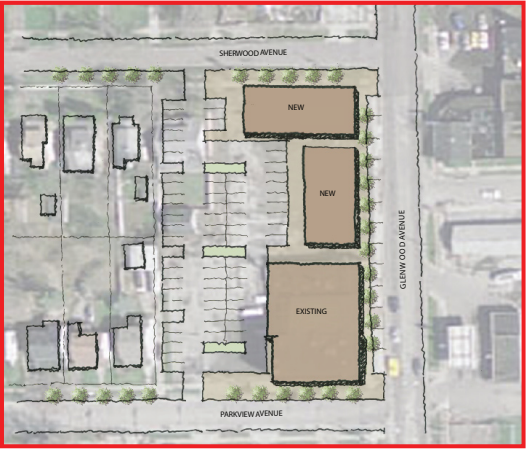
Murals provide an opportunity to foster the arts and brighten vacant buildings



## GOAL C: CREATE A NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR ON GLENWOOD AVENUE.

- Strategy: C.1Create a detailed plan for the Glenwood Avenue Corridor.
- Strategy: C.2Create a neighborhood business association.
- Strategy: C.3Provide increased neighborhood employment opportunities.
- Strategy: C.4Enhance the appearance of Glenwood Avenue.
- Strategy: C.5Create a variety of commercial activities for the neighborhood.
- Strategy: C.6Focus commercial activities at the neighborhood nodes to create gateways to the neighborhood.
- Strategy: C.7Improve the Glenwood Avenue Streetscape.
- Strategy: C.8Encourage the rezoning of Glenwood Avenue.

Example:  
Sherwood to  
Parkview



### EXISTING INVENTORY

Building A (Old Parkview Inn)	15,000 sq. ft. VACANT
Parking	unmarked surface parking spaces

### PROPOSED INVENTORY

Building A (New Building)	5,000 sq. ft. RETAIL
Building B (New Building)	5,000 sq. ft. RETAIL
Building C (Old Parkview Inn)	5,000 sq. ft. vacant REUSE for MIXED USE
Parking	65 surface parking spaces 13 on-street parking spaces

## GOAL D: PRESERVE EXISTING HOUSING THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

- Strategy: D.1Encourage existing property owners to maintain and improve their properties.
- Strategy: D.2Rehabilitate underutilized properties.
- Strategy: D.3Encourage reinvestment in the existing housing stock by absentee landlords.
- Strategy: D.4Create opportunities for increased home ownership in the neighborhood.
- Strategy: D.5Establish a public/private loan pool.
- Strategy: D.6Hold foreclosure prevention workshops.

A targeted housing rehabilitation program can help to stabilize key neighborhood streets

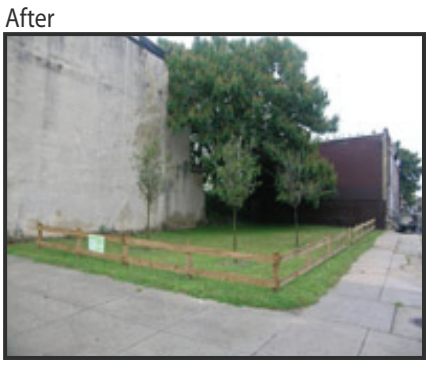


- Strategy: D.7Require increased qualifications and background checks for those appraising real estate within the City of Youngstown.
- Strategy: D.8Develop an overall program to deal with vacancy.
- Strategy: D.9Collaborate with neighborhood realtors to market housing.
- Strategy: D.10Establish an annual parade of homes.
- Strategy: D.11Market housing opportunities to immigrant communities.
- Strategy: D.12Collaborate with major employers to create employer assisted housing programs.
- Strategy: D.13Develop a program to mitigate the effects of lead based paint in older housing.
- Strategy: D.14Create a receivership program for nuisance properties.
- Strategy: D.15Create an Idora Neighborhood Homeownership Office.

## GOAL E: RECLAIM, RECREATE AND REHABILITATE VACANT LAND AND STRUCTURES TO CREATE PRODUCTIVE AND USABLE SPACES.

- Strategy: E.1Pursue the strategic acquisition of vacant parcels and structures throughout the neighborhood.
- Strategy: E.2Develop a strategic demolition plan for the Idora Neighborhood.
- Strategy: E.3Consider the development of a green reuse map.
- Strategy: E.4Organize residents to provide maintenance and management of vacant land.
- Strategy: E.5Reclaim the former Idora Park Site to create a park once again.
- Strategy: E.6Collaborate with the community organizations to create community gardens on vacant lots.

- Strategy: E.7Consider the development of a greenhouse at one of the community garden locations.
- Strategy: E.8Collaborate with Lien Forward to offer vacant lots to adjacent homeowners.
- Strategy: E.9Collaborate with community organizations to create pocket parks throughout the neighborhood.
- Strategy: E.10Consider the feasibility of creating a new neighborhood park.
- Strategy: E.11Develop a boarding program to secure abandoned structures.
- Strategy: E.12Require the planting of lots after vacant structures are demolished.
- Strategy: E.13Educate residents about the benefits and incentives of locating to healthier portions of the neighborhood/city as outlined in Youngstown 2010.
- Strategy: E.14Develop a best practices guide regarding ways to turn vacancy into an opportunity.
- Strategy: E.15Encourage strict enforcement of litter control and dumping ordinances.
- Strategy: E.16Encourage the development of new quality infill housing in strategic locations.



## GOAL F: CLEAN AND GREEN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH THE HELP OF THE CITY, LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND IDORA'S OWN RESIDENTS.

- Strategy: F.1Establish seasonal neighborhood cleanups.
- Strategy: F.2Ensure that infrastructure is adequately and consistently maintained.

- Strategy: F.3Encourage increased recycling and environmental responsibility throughout the neighborhood.
- Strategy: F.4Reuse vacant land for green uses.